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WEST PLAINS MAN SENTENCED FOR TRANSPORTING CHILD PORN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a West Plains, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for transporting child pornography over the Internet.

Robert Wayne Kelley, 29, of West Plains, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this afternoon to 12 years and seven months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered that, following his prison sentence, **Kelley** spend the rest of his life under federally supervised release.

On May 17, 2004, **Kelley** pleaded guilty to transporting child pornography over the Internet. By pleading guilty, **Kelley** admitted that he transported a video computer file containing child pornography as an e-mail attachment between Sept. 26, 2003, and Sept. 29, 2003, in Howell County, Mo. **Kelley** sent the e-mail, Graves said, in an effort to obtain additional child pornography from an undercover law enforcement officer.

Kelley also admitted that he was in possession of a videotape that contained child pornography on Nov. 5, 2003. **Kelley** obtained the videotape by sending \$25 in cash to the undercover officer, who was in Kansas. A controlled delivery of the videotape was made, Graves said, and the tape recovered from **Kelley's** VCR during the execution of a search warrant.

Kelley admitted that he had unlawful sexual contact with two girls, ages 9 and 7, on multiple occasions between January to June 2001 and with a boy, approximately 5 or 6 years old, in the spring of 2001. **Kelley** faces state charges for those offenses.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Postal Inspection Service, the West Plains, Mo., Police Department and the Howell County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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